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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003, and in accordance with the personal interview courteously granted by the Examiner to Applicants' representatives on March 11, 2003, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 as follows:

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Another well known and potentially dangerous safety problem furthered by natural grass are birds and other animals. Many birds including gulls, waterfowl, raptors such as hawks and other species flock to airfields to eat, drink and reproduce. Birds eat insects and grubs which live in natural grass up to six inches (15 cm) below the soil surface. Birds also eat rodents, which feed on the insects. Standing water, especially after fresh rains, attracts many species of birds, including waterfowl. Large birds such as ducks or geese also create especially dangerous conditions for aircraft and are classified as FODs. Natural grass further provides materials and cover for birds to nest and breed.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 3, as follows:

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Fig. 9 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view, taken along line IX-IX of Fig. 2, of one preferred embodiment of the present invention for interfacing the artificial turf and associated sub-surface of the present invention with natural grass;

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